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(Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Tribal Police may backup Manistee PD.** A proposal before Manistee City Council for training of MPD officers as Medical First Responders would have Tribal Police backup the Manistee department while their officers were training. The proposal barely passed to submit the Grant Application to Revenue Sharing Board. This board is the one that distributes the 2% gaming money from the Little River Casino. (PD/PI)

(General area items)

- **Energy Fair 2007.** Ogema Wilson met with representatives from the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association to discuss this year's Energy Fair and tribal participation. The tribe was part of this successful event in 2006. (Ogema/Planning)
- **Primary Election Ballot update.** The Election Board on 2.23.07 announced the following:
 - "A motion was made today that the counting of the ballots be suspended and at this time we only identify which individuals with Post Office Boxes have returned their ballots. All individuals with PO Boxes who have not returned a ballot will be sent new ballots today and will be given until March 9th, 2007, 12:00 pm EDT to return the ballot at which time all ballots will be counted. The basis for the decision is that AES, the contractor, did not follow instructions and sent every registered voter ballots to their physical addresses."
 - "The Election Board has received numerous calls that completed ballots have been returned to the voter by the Post Office due to the Post Office reading the wrong side of the envelopes. The Election Board will allow voters to resubmit their ballots to the Post Office and will tabulate such ballots if they are received by March 9, 2007 at 12:00 pm. **The dates for the General Election will remain as posted.**"

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Casino Board Members sworn in.** Three new members of the Casino Board of Directors were sworn in during ceremonies on Thursday the 22nd. The new board members are Rose Ludden, Ron Spoerl and Kim Dunn. (PI/LRCR)
- **Tax Department.** The tax officer completed monthly Resident Tribal Member address changes and processed the Superfleet bill for payment. The Tribe saved \$1,290 on the February motor fuel bill by purchasing tax-exempt fuel at Northern Pass.



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(Emergency Management items)

- **MSP Mutual Aid pact coming.** The Michigan office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security announced that a Mutual Aid Compact is being developed to help tribes develop their plans for preparedness. It is expected to be released in a few weeks. (PI)
- **Emergency Response Training.** The Department of Homeland Security has announced additional training for Incident Command Team (ICS) members that will be required in '07. This training will be in the classroom and is required for the tribe to remain compliant with regulations. This compliance is necessary for the tribe to continue receiving Federal Grants. (PI/TEPC)

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